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HAVING HIGH PROCESSING WORKLOAD FOR
CONTROLLING POLISHING PRESSURE APPLIED BY
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SEPARATE LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In response to the rejection of the drawings dated 6/12/02, enclosed with the Office Action mailed 6/20/02, transmitted herewith are the following formal drawings in the captioned Application:

1. one sheet bearing FIGs. 16A and 16B. The bracket for each FIG. is now connected to the FIG. identification by a lead line, indicating that the respective bracket represents an exploded view. It is respectfully requested that these FIGs. be accepted as overcoming the rejection.
2. 14 sheets depicting respective FIGs. 39-41, 42A-42E, and 43-48. It is respectfully requested that these FIGs. be accepted as overcoming the rejection.

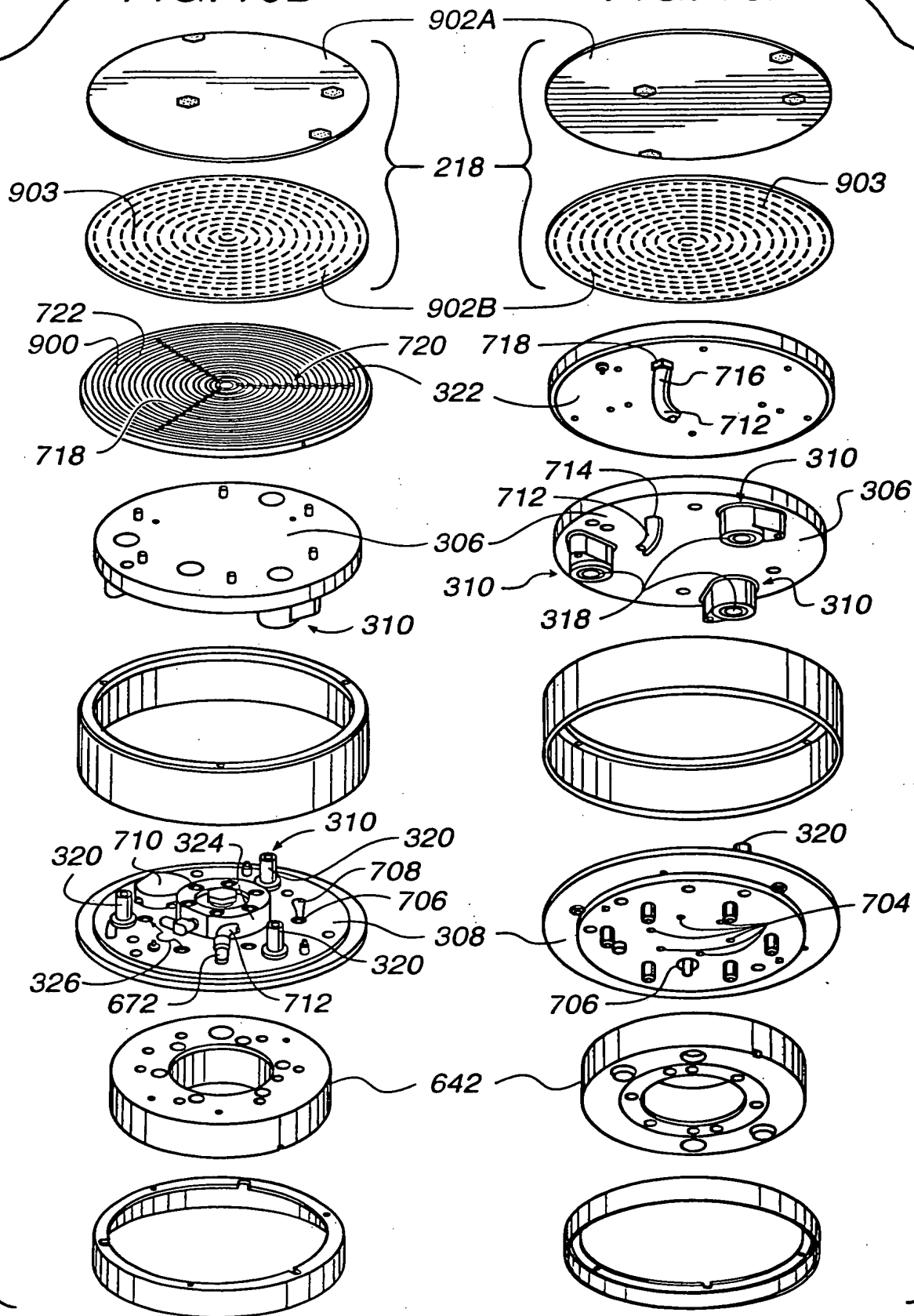
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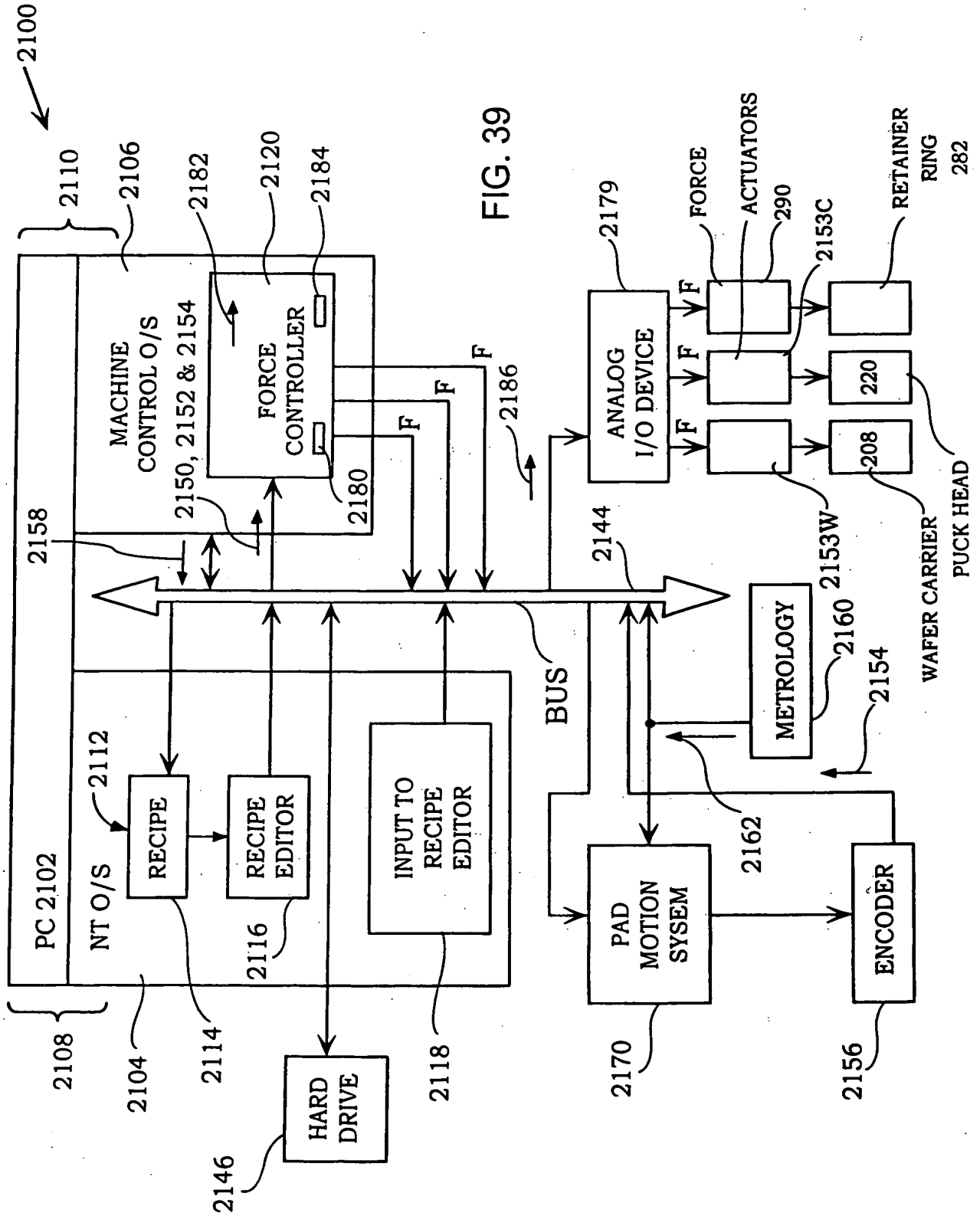

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FIG. 16B

FIG. 16A





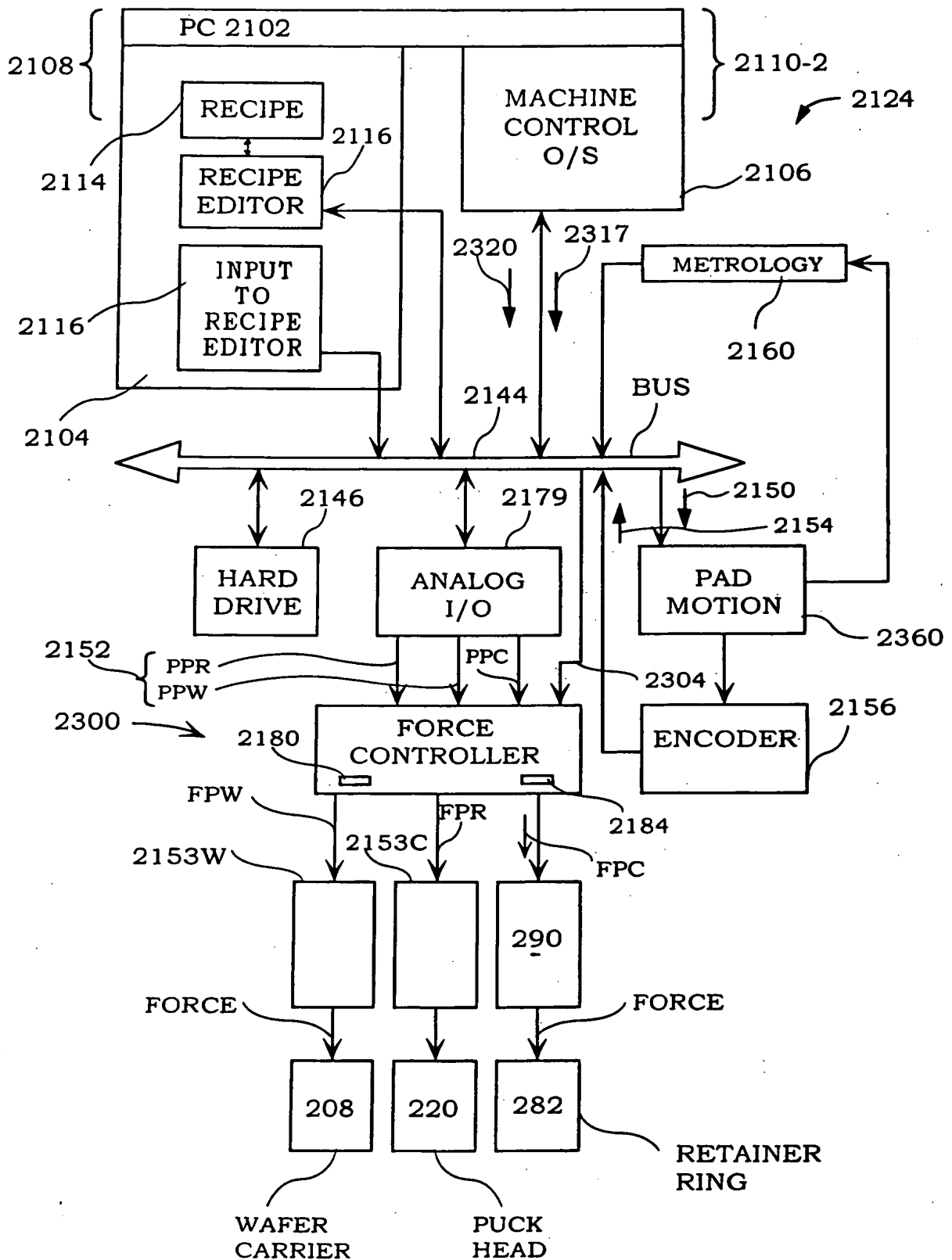


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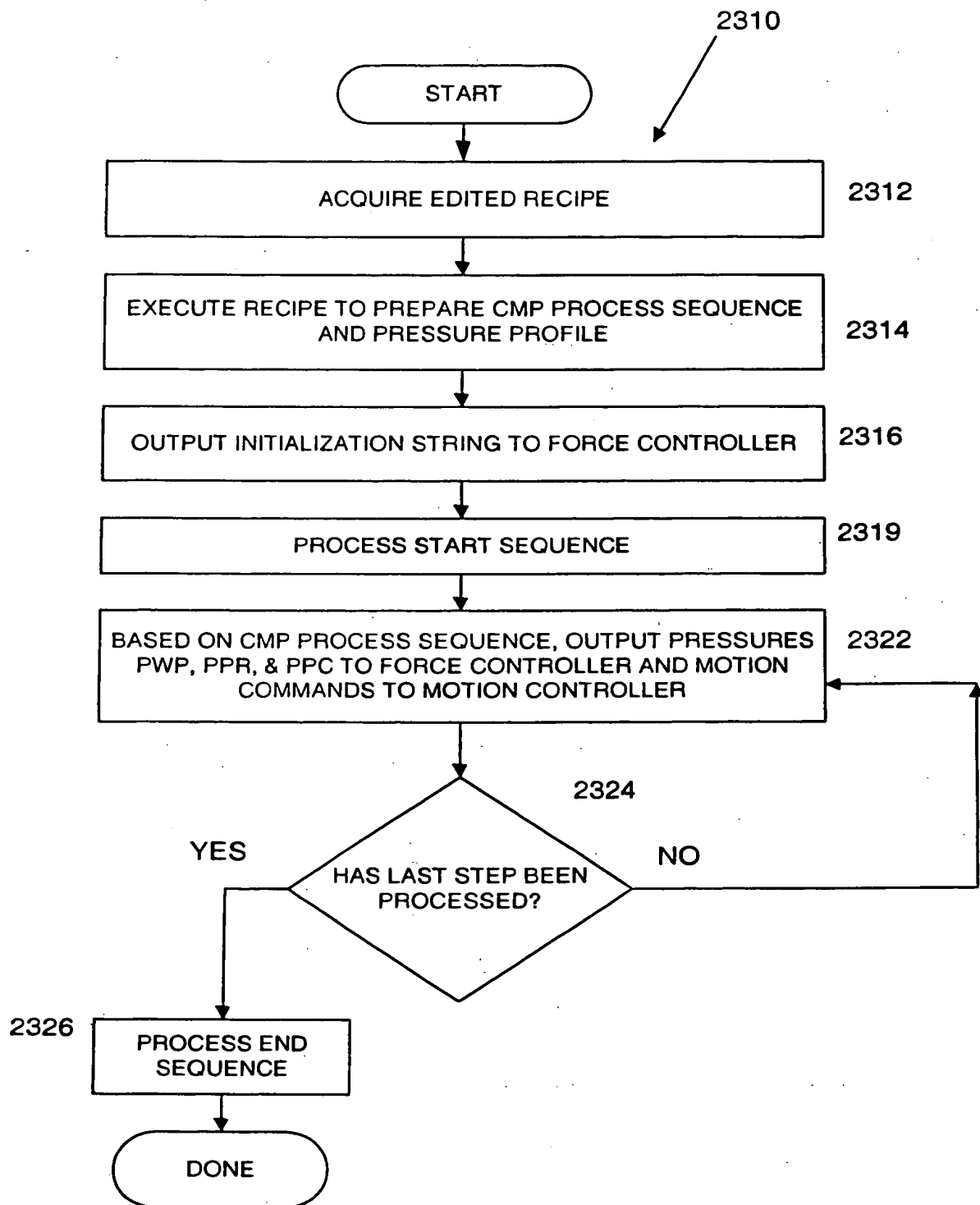


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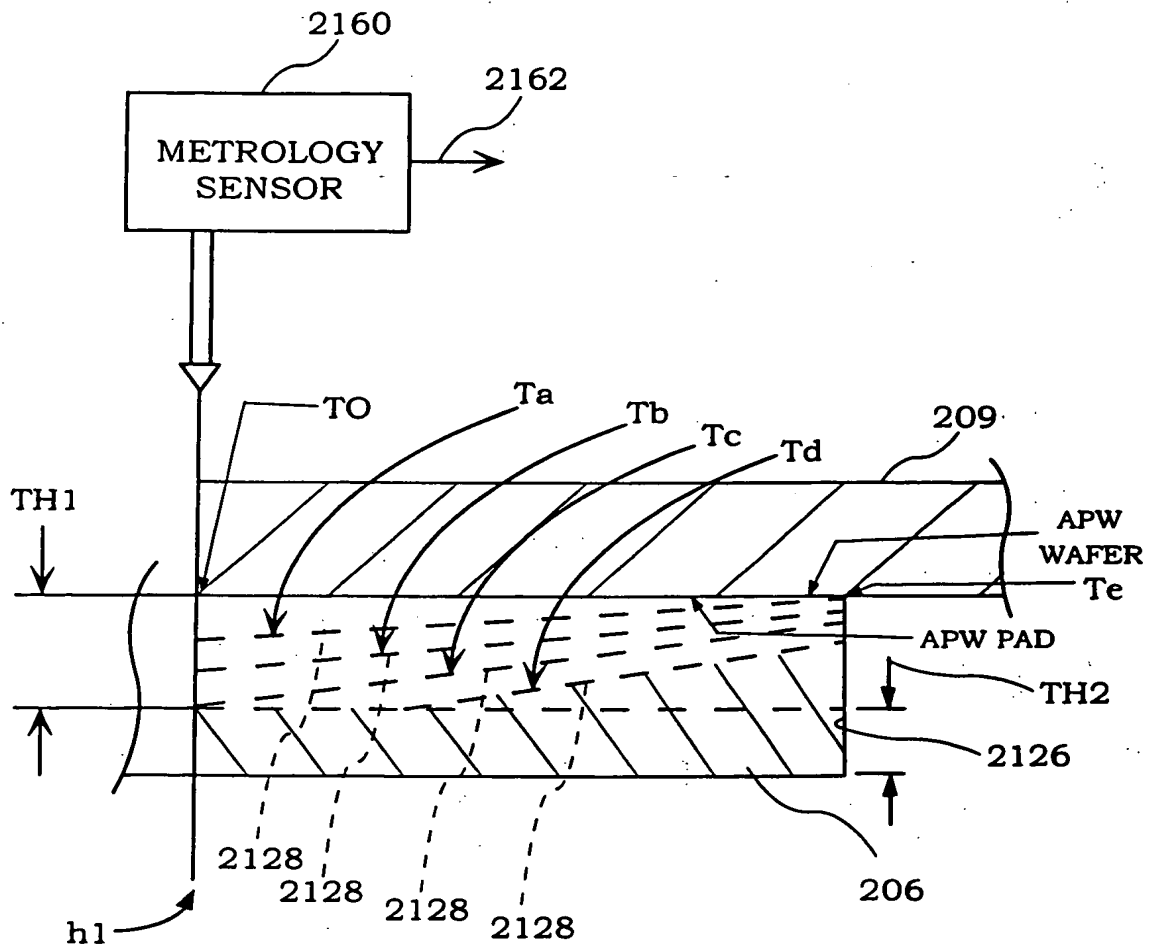


FIG. 42A

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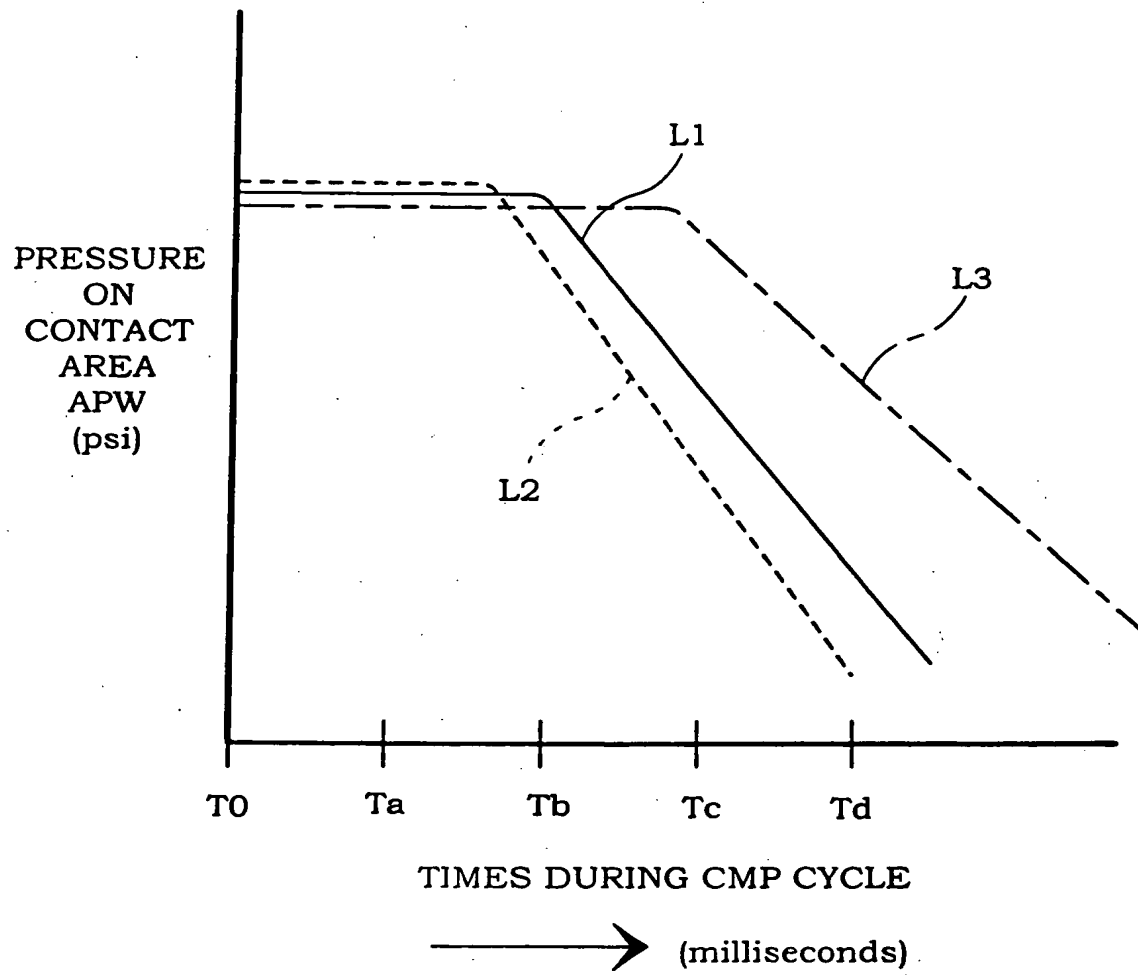


FIG. 42B

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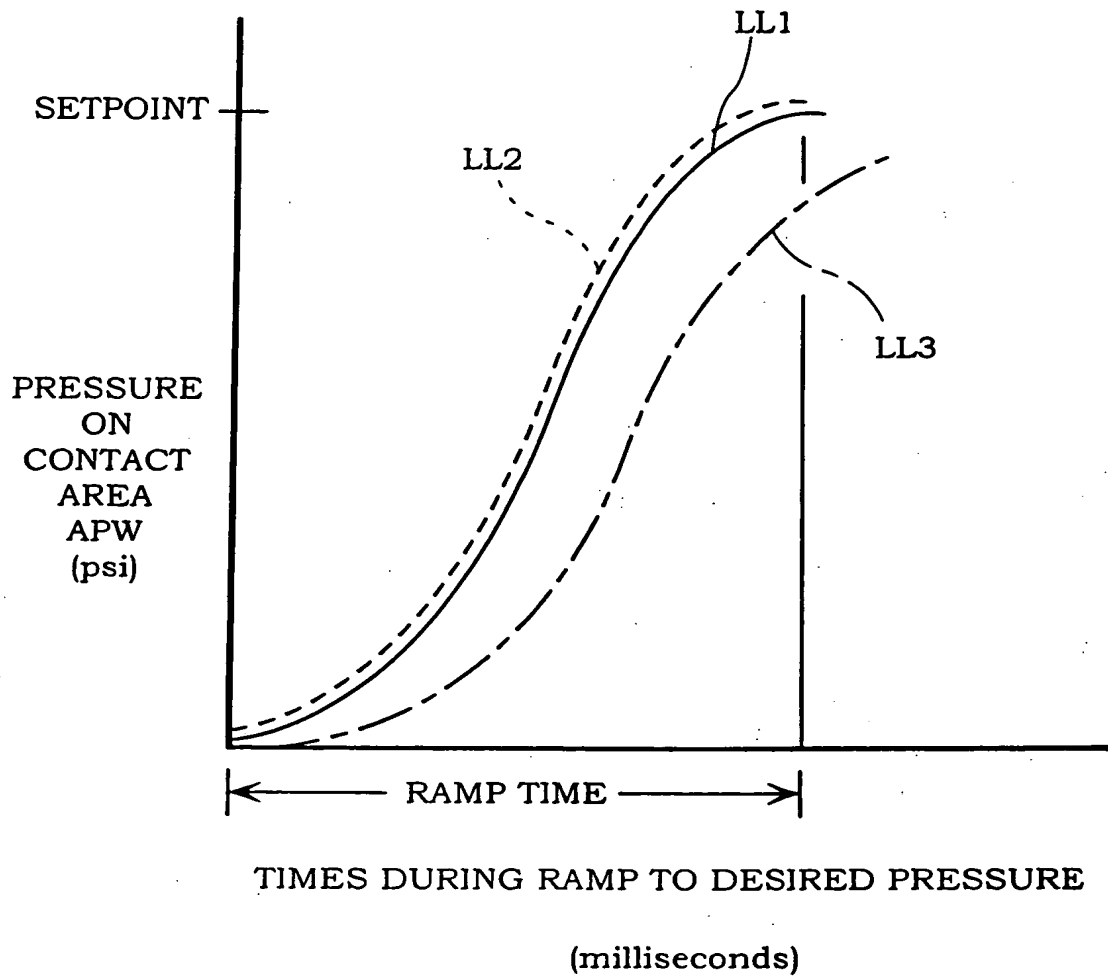


FIG. 42C

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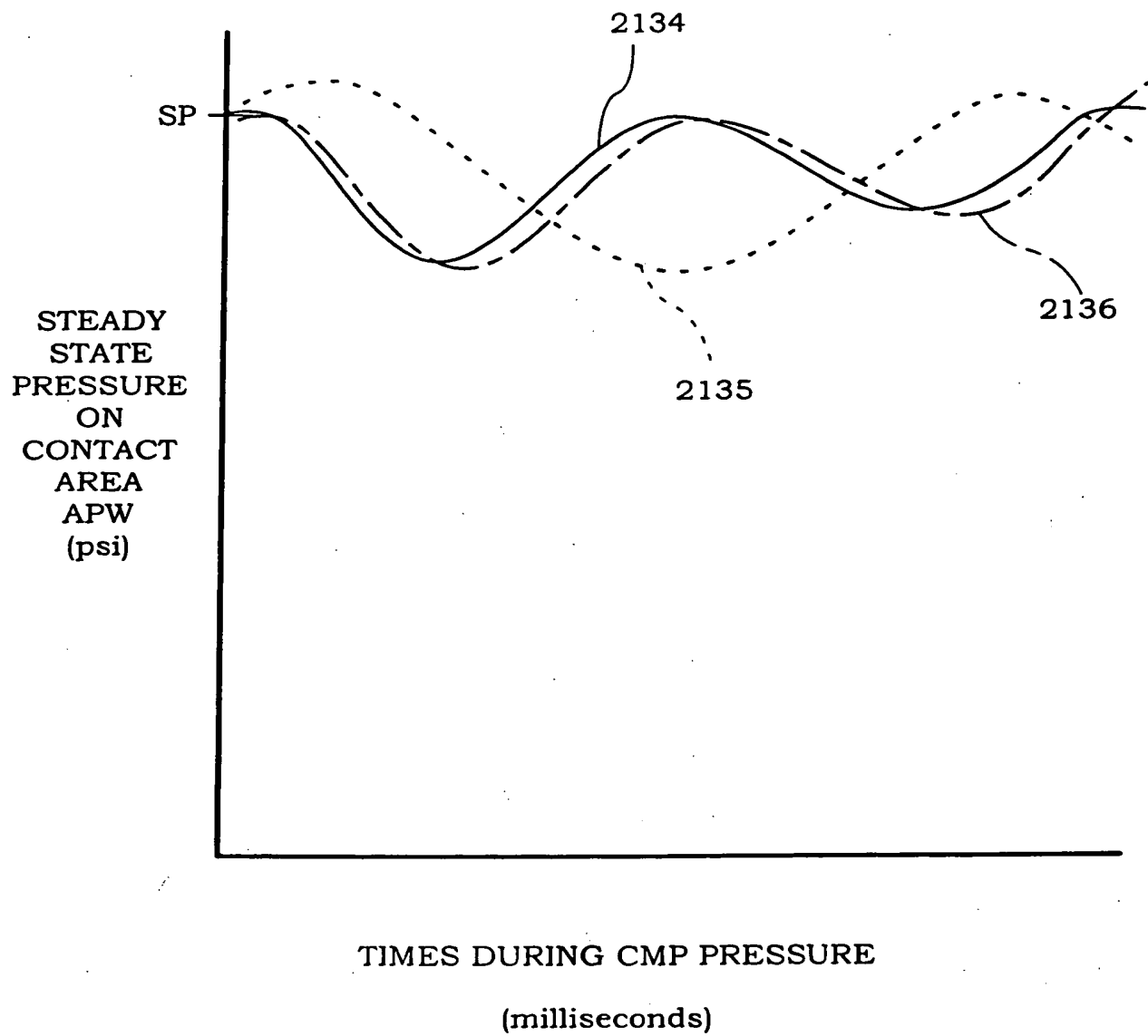


FIG. 42D

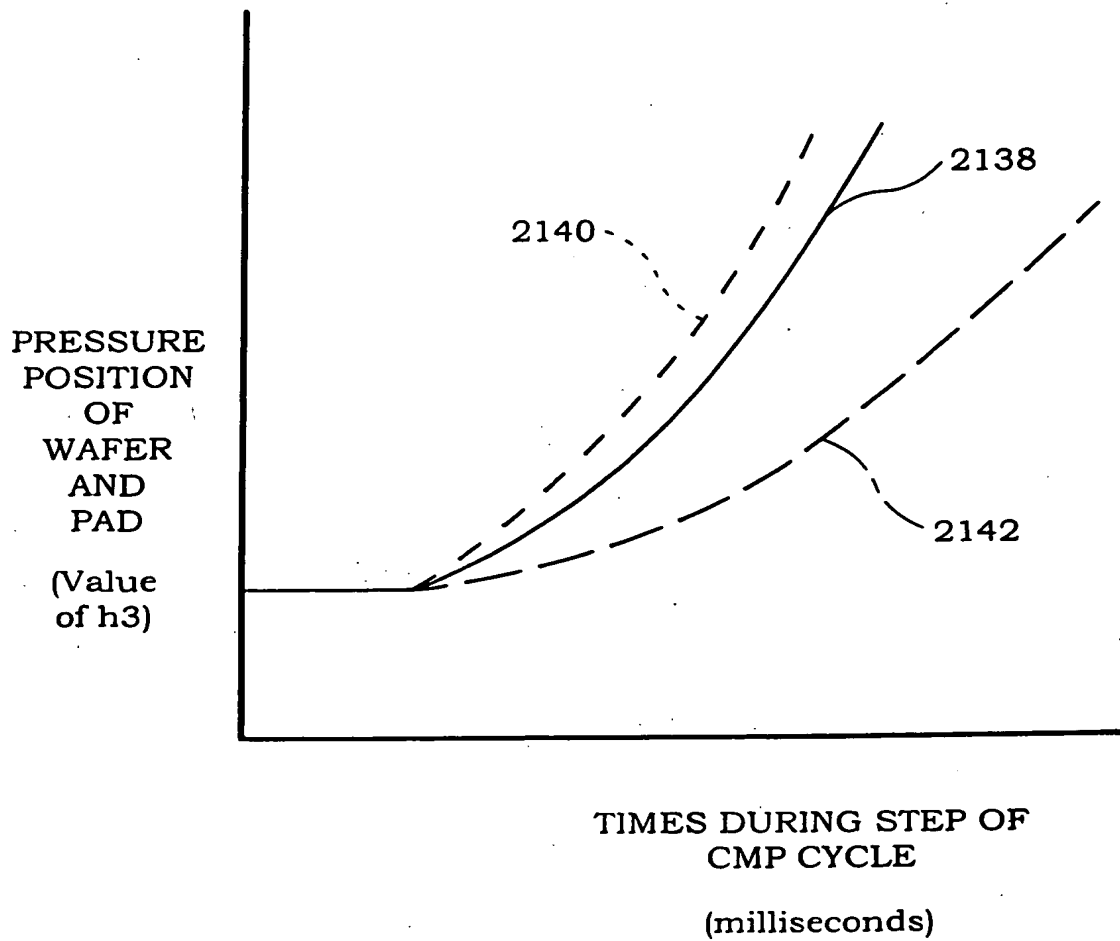


FIG. 42E

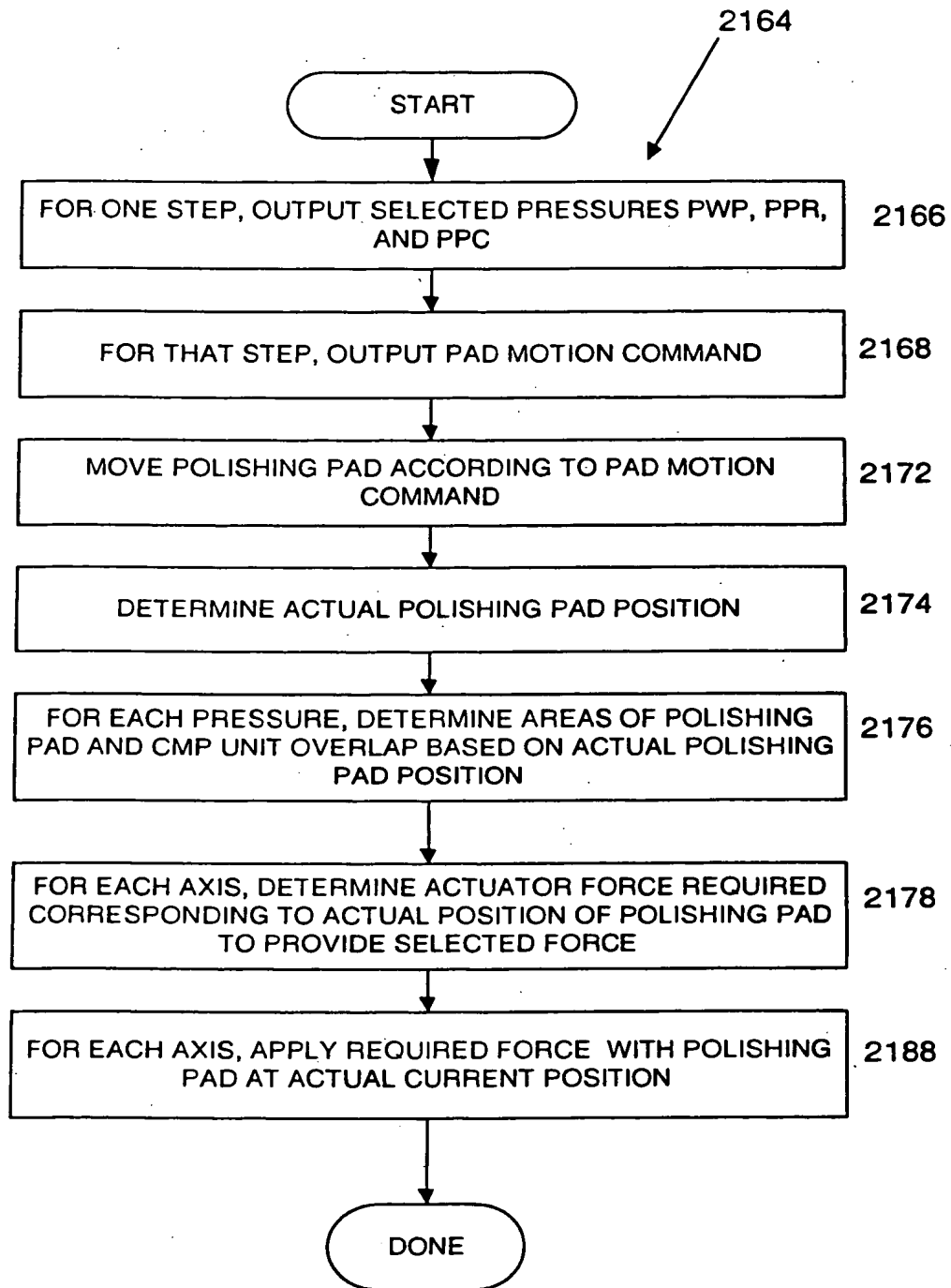


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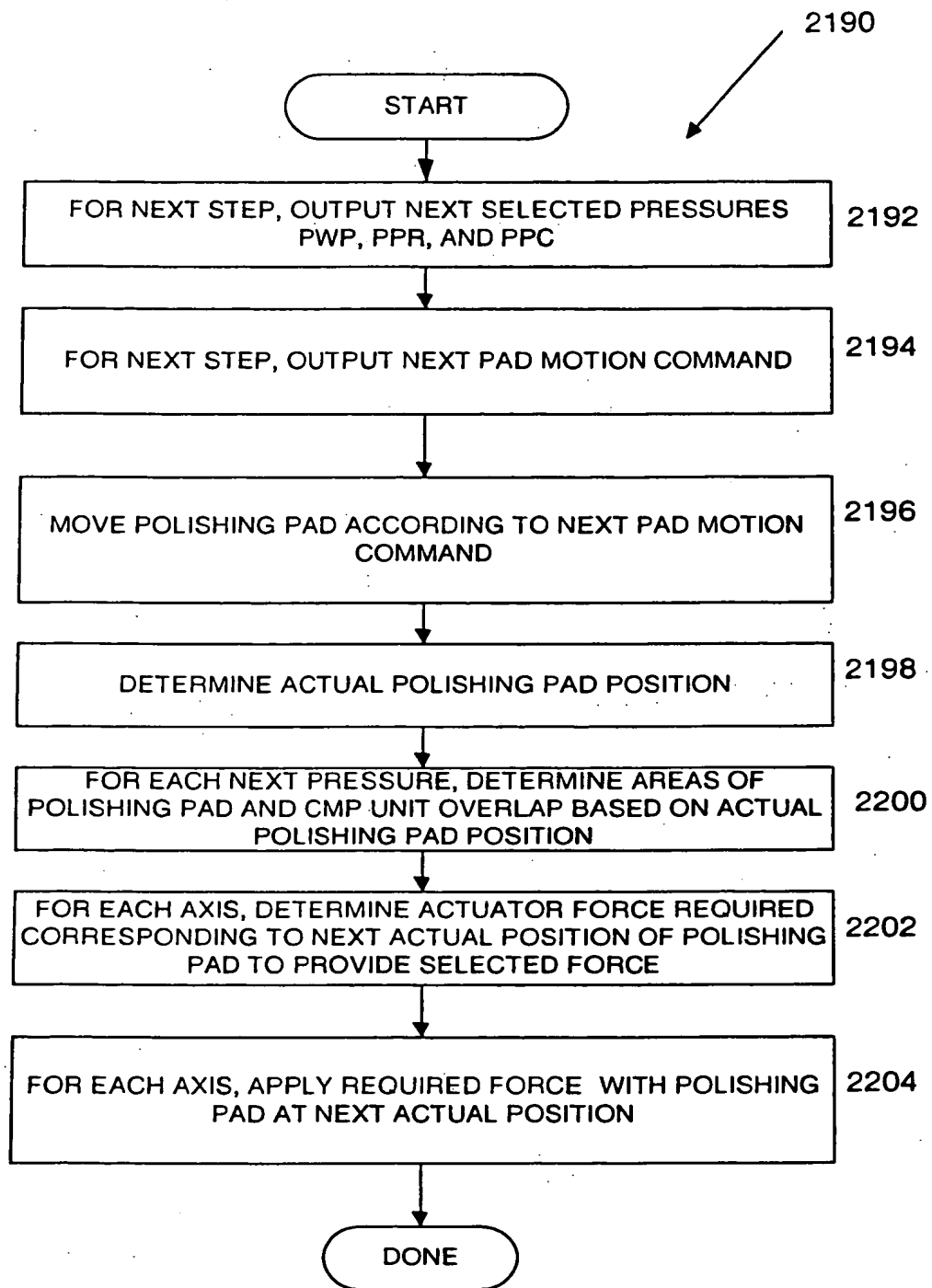


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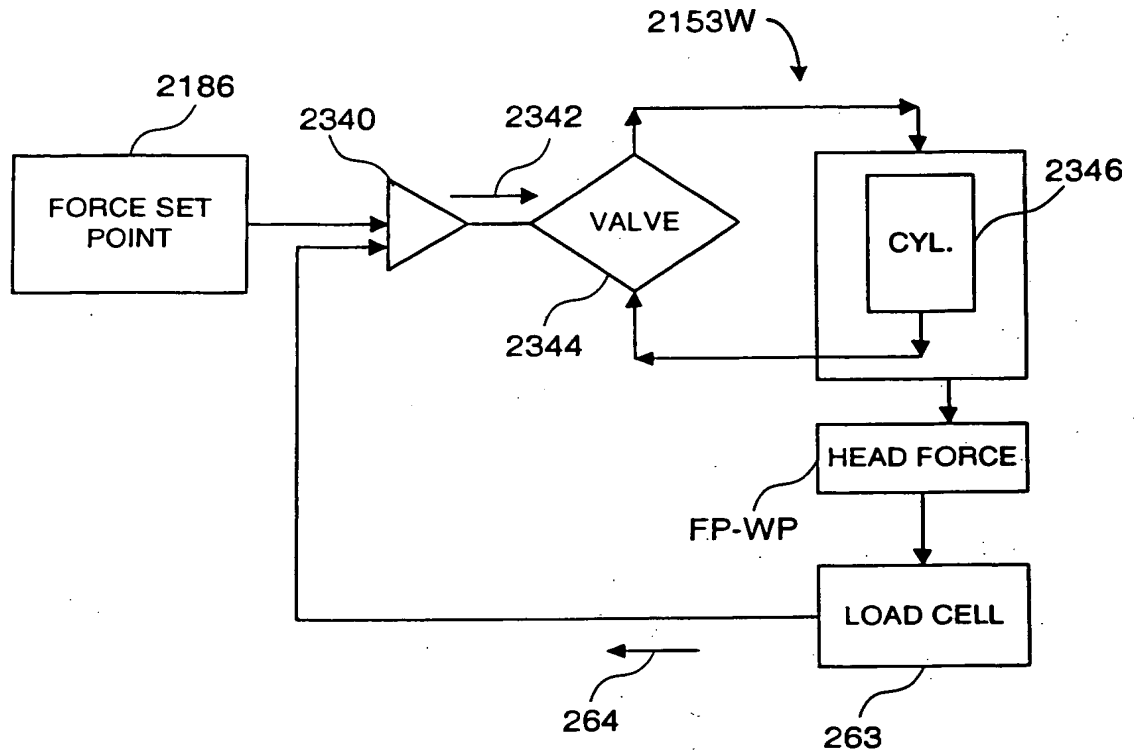


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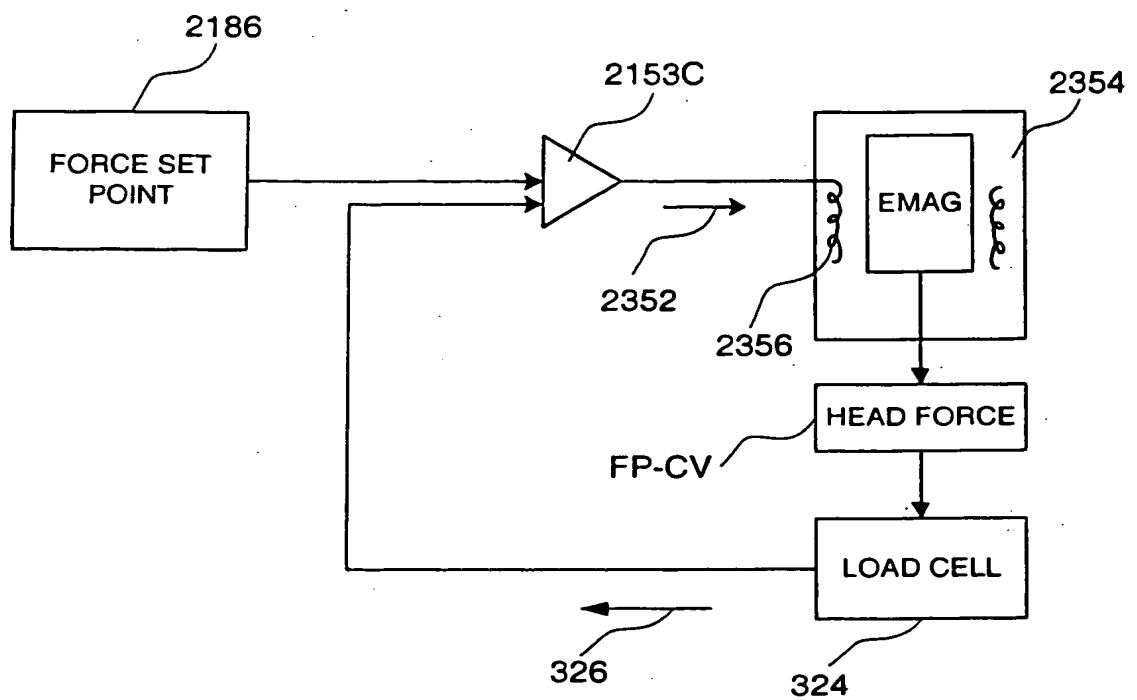


FIG. 46

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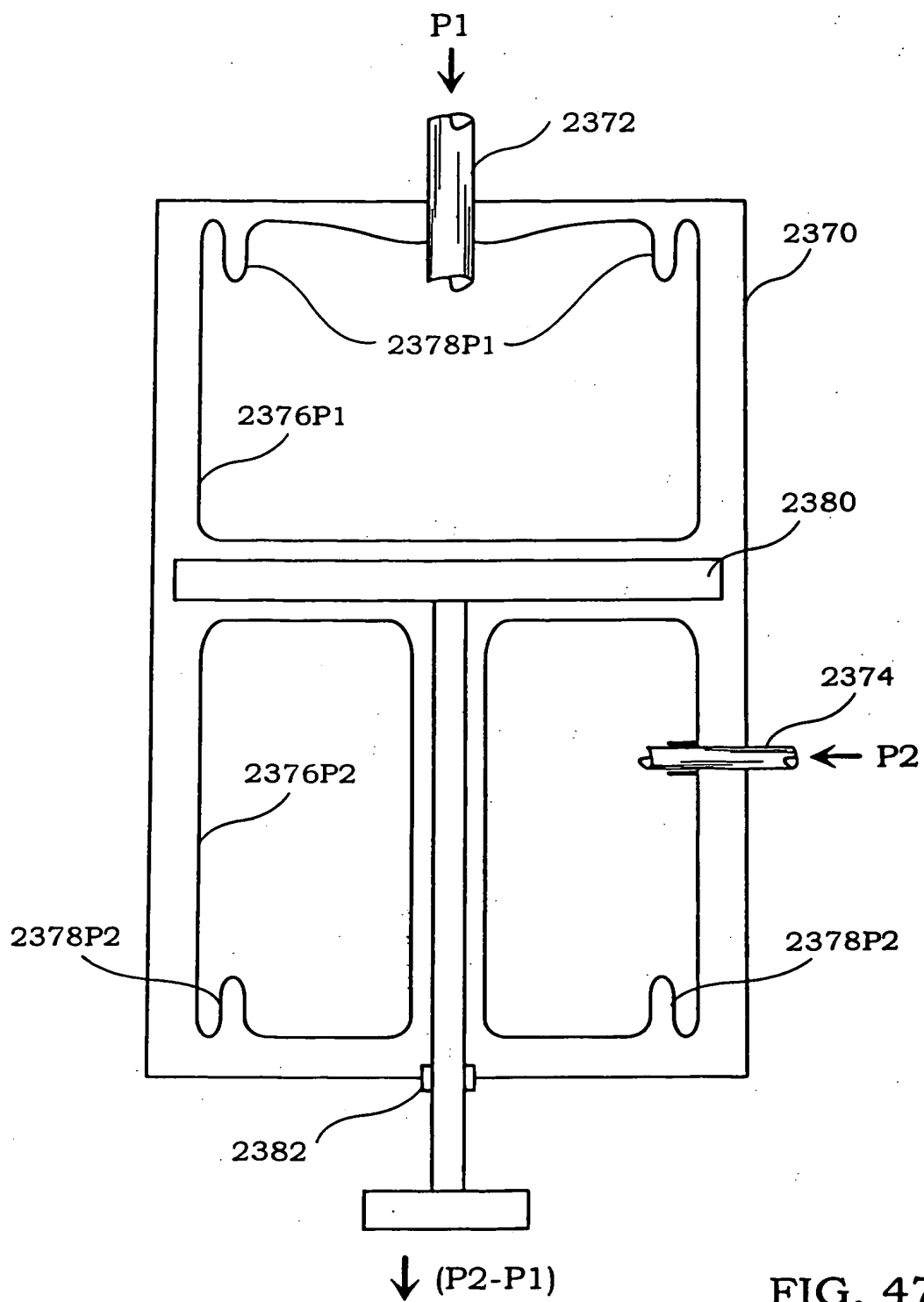


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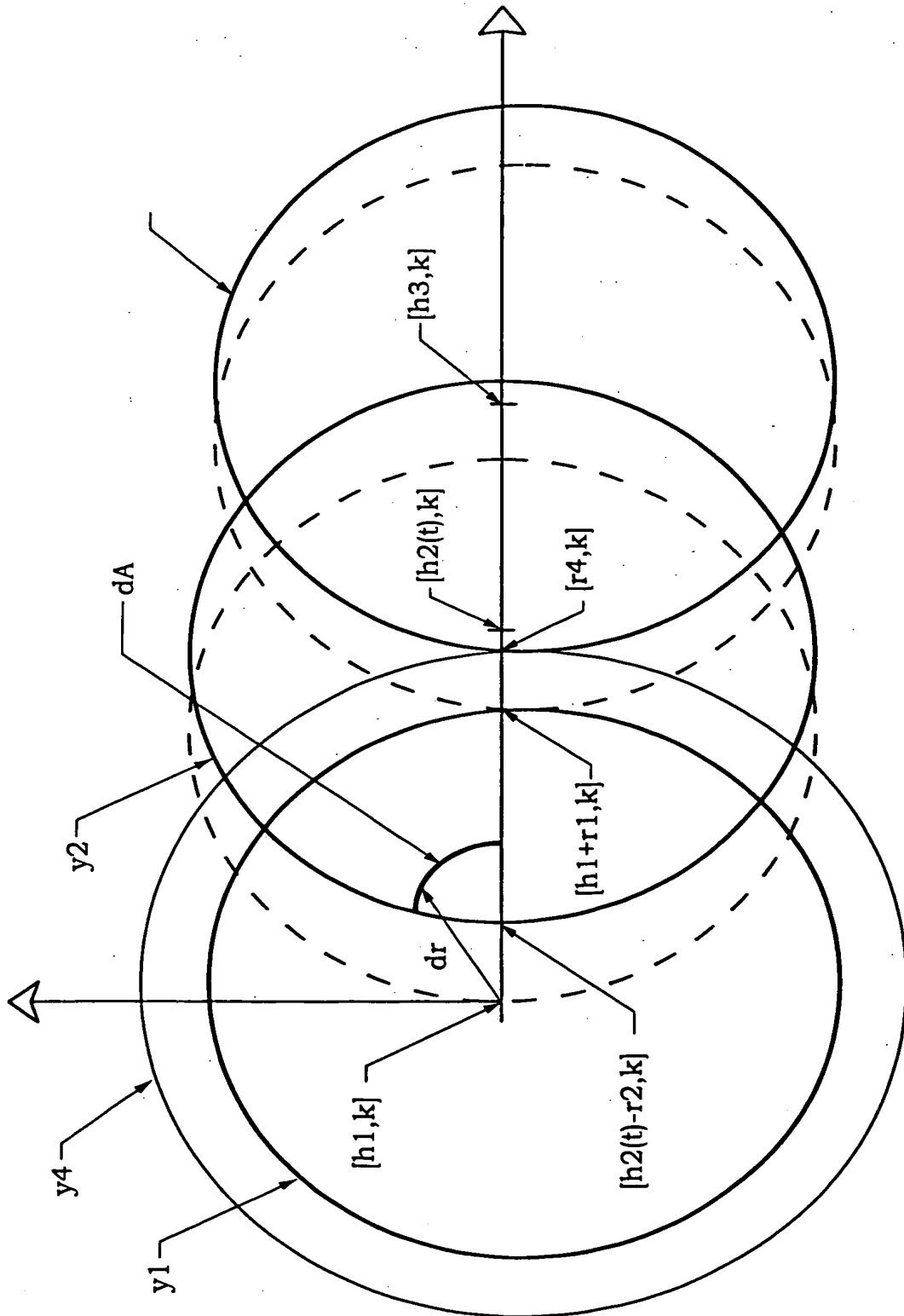


FIG. 48